

IN FIGHT CLOTHES

President Storey of Santa Fe Ends Year With Gloves.

Senator Capper, Clyde Reed and Unions Battle Him.

HE HAS MUNITIONS FOR ALL

Sees No Reason Why Roads Should Go Bankrupt Now.

Tells Public Unions Are All Wrong About Repairs.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company will close the year 1922 in the limelight with President Storey's reply to the charge of the strikers' organization is that the company's shops are turning out more work than before the strike started, that equipment is in better shape than before the strike, and that the company is doing a record business.

Storey has said that the expenditure for improvements, betterments, new second track and equipment for 1922 would be about what it was in 1921—around \$43,000,000. He says that the amount ought to be \$50,000,000 but under present conditions the amount will have to be kept down pretty well.

Four short lines were started this year, and three of them are in operation: Santa to Manti, in Kansas; Owen to Pawhuska, in Oklahoma; Bush to De Nova, in Oklahoma; and El Dorado, in Kansas. The first three are in operation and the last named is under construction.

The details of the expenditure of the \$43,000,000 in 1922 have not yet been determined. The budget will not be ready for several weeks, according to President Storey.

There is a report that Storey is again considering the Kansas City-St. Louis line to be built jointly by the Santa Fe and Burlington, but it cannot be verified. Contract for the line was signed in 1917, but the war tied up the scheme indefinitely.

Topeka officials of the Santa Fe have been praying for a St. Louis line for the past twenty-five years.

Also there are not yet available any statistical reports on the accomplishments of the various roads during the past year. The record of business done during the past year would exceed that of 1921, and that the period has been, on the whole, highly satisfactory from every point of view.

U. P. MAKES SAFETY RECORD

Holds Twenty-Seven Other Roads in Safety Drive.

The Union Pacific railroad excelled twenty-six other representative roads in the United States in its safety record for the first three months of 1922, according to statistics which have been compiled by the interstate commerce commission.

The compilation was made on a basis of one million man-hours, secured by multiplying the number of employees by the number of hours worked.

The Union Pacific had the lowest rate per million man hours of employees on duty, of any of the twenty-seven roads studied. "The number of men killed was .22 per million man hours, with 10.11 men injured for every million man hours."

In the list of twenty-seven roads, the Santa Fe ranked eighteenth, the Rock Island twenty-second, and the Missouri Pacific twenty-fifth. They were the only three roads operating in Kansas for which the figures were given.

On the Union Pacific, the Kansas division which formerly occupied third place from the top of the list on freedom from fatalities slipped back to fourth place in October, according to system figures. For the period of January 1 to October 31, however, Kansas division retained third place.

ROTARY AT GARDEN CITY.

Club Is Being Organized With Twenty Charter Members.

Garden City, Kan., Dec. 30.—A Rotary club is being organized in this city, with twenty charter members.

Thursday night a temporary organization was formed with Judge Easton Hutchison as president; E. Lester McCoy, vice president; J. R. Roseworth, secretary; and Dr. E. W. Rose, treasurer.

The charter members had as guests at a banquet and meeting in the Elks home, thirty-five members of the Dodge City club. These visitors gave a program and explained the inside points of the order.

JOIN IN NEW PLAN

Public Utilities Commission and Santa Fe in Co-operation.

Pushing New Style of Farming in Southwestern Region.

Politics makes strange bedfellows, and so, sometimes, does an earnest desire to better the condition of the public. According to the usual run of news in the public press, the public utilities commission of the state of Kansas and the management of the Santa Fe railroad would not seem, at first thought, to be likely to find much common ground on which to meet.

But as a result of the co-operation of these two agencies, joined with the extension division of the Kansas State Agricultural college at Manhattan, a move which means much to the farmers of southwestern Kansas, is being undertaken.

A few months ago, reports reached the agricultural development department of the Santa Fe that the farmers in southwestern Kansas, northwestern Oklahoma and southeastern Colorado, had worked out a scheme for the preparation of their land for wheat crops.

They were double spacing their rows during the summer, and thus summer following the soil for the benefit of the wheat crop. The farmers around Elkhart, in Morton county, had taken the lead in the practice.

The Santa Fe called in the state public utilities commission, when business men of Elkhart, many of whom are land owners, reported that the practice was becoming common.

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CLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD OF ART

By Carl P. Bolmar

There will be no December meeting of the Topeka Art Guild. The Guild has been invited to hold its January meeting at the home and studio of George M. Stone in Highland Park.

At the time of this meeting the guild members will be shown the recently completed "Transfiguration," done by Mr. Stone at the order of Bishop Nathaniel S. Thomas of Wyoming, for his cathedral at Laramie.

The bishop, who came to Topeka just before the holidays for the purpose of viewing the finished work, expressed himself as being well satisfied with the picture.

An interesting event in Paris during the late summer or early autumn of each year is the "Foire aux Croûtes," an open air picture sale held by the artists of the Montmartre district, in the Place Constantin Flouquet.

On a certain designated Sunday, if the weather is good, if not, on the first fine Sunday thereafter, the artists of Montmartre trot out all of their "croûtes" (the local slang equivalent of "pot boiler" or "shanghai") and hang them on trees in the park. Or if there are not enough trees to go round, strings are stretched from trees and pictures are hung on them.

Each and every artist has his own especially assigned tree or place and acts as his own salesman and the dealer of his wares.

While much of the work is trashy or at most, of little merit, nevertheless an occasional gem is to be found, and sometimes here and there a picture of genius.

Picture often may be purchased for a mere song that will net the purchaser hundreds or even thousands of francs more than the original price paid.

Consequently the "Foire aux Croûtes" is well attended, and the materials are quick to discern merit, and by amateur collectors hoping to make a "lucky strike."

It is much like gambling in the street, and one may make it and you may not. Then too there is the usual crowd of annual sightseers, interested in the curious appearance and the gay chat of those who vend the wares.

Artists are notoriously bad business men and women. For this reason they have organized themselves into a society called the Commune Libre de Montmartre, (the Free Commune of Montmartre) in which a group of the more practical comrades has been delegated to transact business for the rest.

The Commune has a chief dignitary known as the Mayor, and also a policeman and a newspaper.

Headquarters of the Commune is at the cabaret of the Vache Enragée (the Mad Cow). This strange name originated in the fact that poor students in Montmartre who are continually reduced to close cropping or grazing in order to make both ends meet, have given the name, "Un ragout de vache enragée," to the curious meat food prepared by the cheap restaurants in which they are compelled to dine.

A widely known western artist and art authority in discussing a few days since, an article that appeared in the last issue of Arts and Decoration and which he reviewed in this column last week, namely "What is Modernism in Painting?" by Percy Moore Turner, takes decided issue with its author on several points and the writer of this column believes the issues are well taken.

Mr. Turner says, "Art consists not in the making of story telling pictures,

the difference between the old masters and the modern painters of the healthier sort are first, the stories that the latter endeavor to tell are less concrete, leave more play for the human imagination. The modern painter tries to transfer to canvas those beauties of form color or personality that are felt by most highly minded persons but which they are not always able to analyze unaided. Some of the old masters did indeed, try to do these things with much success, but the tendency was not as common as it is today.

Next, the modern painter of landscape is more conscious of what he is painting as a whole, realizes more clearly that local color is modified by sunlight and atmosphere, than did his predecessors, and he gives more importance to the central or dominating object in his work, just as the human mind is centered on the object for which the person may be looking in a room, and is more or less conscious of the existence of other objects therein.

And last, the modern uses any kind of pigment or medium that will bring the result he is after, and also any method of applying it to the canvas.

But there is a wide difference between the old masters of the school of the bizarre compositions of meaningless wavy lines, masses of geometrical forms, conglomerations of color

Fewer Divorces in 1922 Than in Last Four Years the County Records Show

If Cupid Had Been More Active, the Percentage Would Have Been Most Hopeful in Many Years—Fewer Marriages in 1922 Than in 1921, 1920 or 1919.

During the year was much larger than usual. At the close of 1921 there remained 179 undivided divorce cases on the docket. During the year 1922 there were 357 new ones filed, making a total of 536 cases. Of this number, 269 were tried and disposed of and 103 dismissed, leaving 163 cases pending at the close of this year.

Thirty-nine divorces were filed in the month of April—more than in any other month of the year. The number of cases filed each month was as follows: January, 26; February, 29; March, 23; April, 39; May, 32; June, 28; July, 35; August, 20; September, 32; October, 22; November, 31; December, 19.

June still holds lead. June maintained her reputation as the champion matrimonial month of the year, 106 marriage licenses being issued during the month, which was an increase of five over last year. Marriage licenses issued during each month of the year were as follows: January, 49; February, 47; March, 61; April, 68; May, 77; June, 106; July, 62; August, 62; September, 96; October, 77; November, 34; December, 69.

The months of June, September, November and December of 1922 were the only months exceeding the corresponding months of the previous year in the number of marriage licenses issued.

blotches, stiff crude figures in unnatural positions, and the endless variety of other queer creations produced by the devotees of this or that school of artistic bores.

to give two recitals. Francois Capoulliez Will Be in Topeka January 3 and 4.

One of the most interesting singers before the public today is Francois Capoulliez, basso-cantante. He will give a series of two song recitals in the high school auditorium the evenings of January 3 and 4. The rise of this remarkable singer is little short of a phenomenon, and he is at present on a trans-continental tour lasting until the end of June. He has been the star of the Metropolitan opera house who is remembered as the teacher who "produced" the late Evan Williams.

His voice is an American. He will be practicing the same testatura and quality. For four years past he was soloist at the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, Dr. Jefferson's famous church.

His voice is well known throughout the country, he has been a part of the concert given shortly before the commencement of this tour. He is constantly receiving congratulations in every city he visits from the high society of the city. He has rendered several recitals in New York City specializing largely in songs by American composers.

For the forthcoming recitals his programs have been selected with care, and he has a wide variety of color, style and compass, and he is recognized as a master of interpretation and English diction. He will be assisted at the piano by Edith Gyllenberg. The recitals will be given under the auspices of Topeka Orphan's Home.

WEEKLY LABOR REPORT

"Floaters" Are Becoming More Numerous in Kansas Now.

Despite the fact that "floaters" are becoming more numerous and that several of the leading industries of the state have begun to make their fall reduction in their labor forces, the number of unemployed persons in Kansas during last week as registered with the seven district labor offices shows an appreciable decrease from that of the previous week, according to the report covering last week issued today by Judge J. H. Crawford, head of the labor division of the industrial court. Last week there were 1,087 idle persons registered with the various offices and the week before there were 1,215.

The Salina area led with 208 persons known to be out of work up and including last Saturday. In the Topeka district 183 were idle; Wichita, 173; Hutchinson, 163; Kansas City, 148; Parsons, 84; and Emporia, only 18. Of the 1,087 out of work during the week, 770 were referred to jobs and 654 of these notified their respective district offices that they had actually gone to work.

There was very little activity in building lines and the cold weather of the week decreased the demand for labor for outside work," Judge Crawford's report states.

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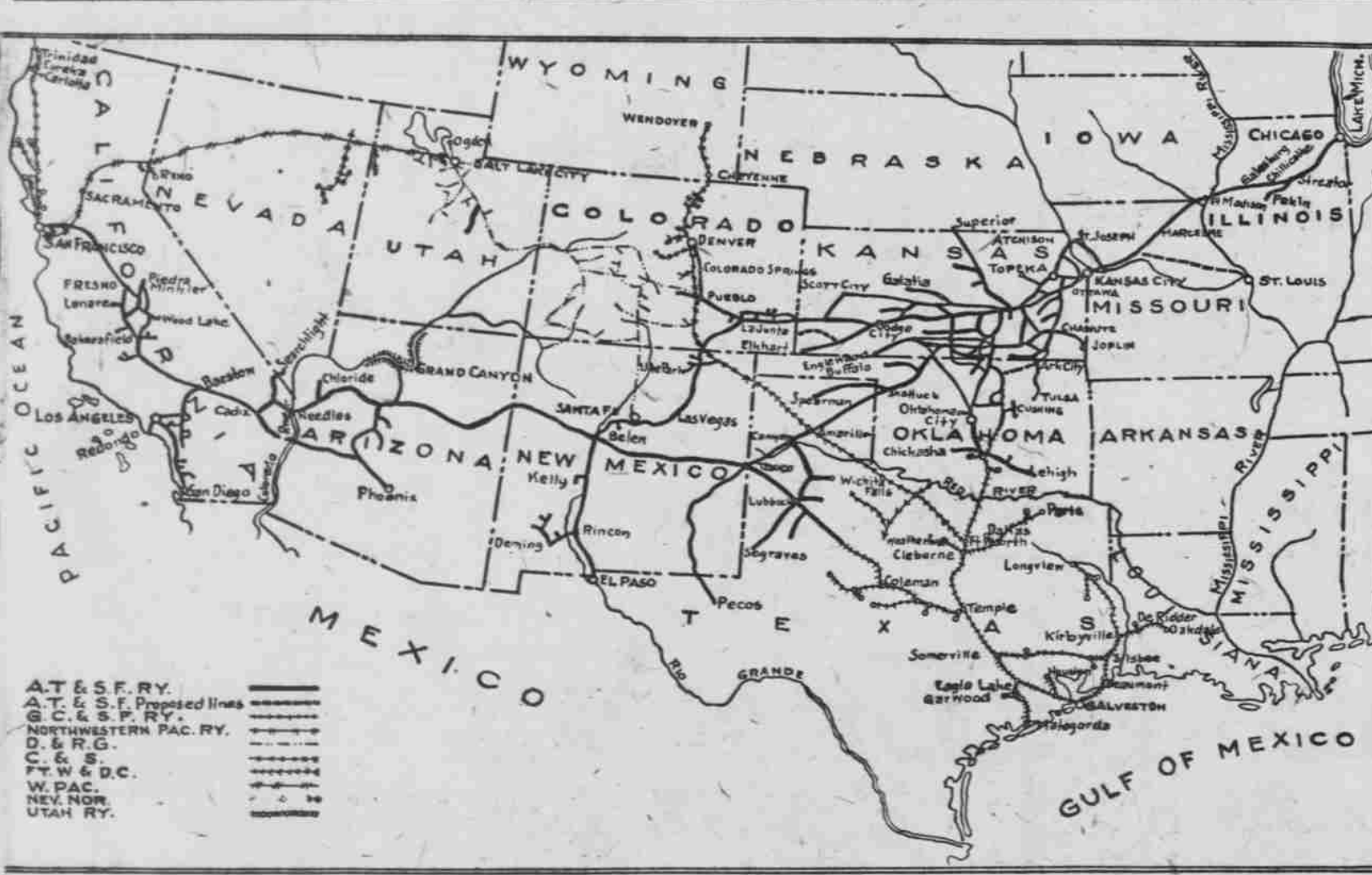
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CONSOLIDATION SCHEME FOR RAILROADS AGAIN BEFORE I. C. C.



In its Tentative Plan for Railroad Consolidations Under the 1920 Transportation Act, the Interstate Commerce Commission has Proposed a Grouping for the Santa Fe as Shown by the Map Above—Santa Fe Won't Oppose It.